

One of the strangest games in A&M football history produced the most unlikely of heroes Thursday in A&M's virtual 28-24 victory over the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

Senior backup quarterback Stormy Case, filling in for a benched Corey Pullig, connected on a 26-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Danny McCray to give A&M the victory with just 36 ticks left on the clock.

Pullig committed error after error throughout the game, throw-

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ing for five interceptions before fi-nally being benched with 2:50 to go in the fourth quarter.

Case saved the day for perhaps the single greatest performance ever recorded by A&M's "Wrecking Crew" defense

All told, the defensive unit racked up 15 sacks of Tech quarterback Zebbie Letheridge, including an unheard-of eight by sophomore linebacker Trent Driver. Letheridge lost a total of 140 yards on the sacks.



and scored twice. Although far from perfect at 3-of-10 for 81 yards, Case stunned the packed crowd at Jones Field which had reached a fever pitch only seconds before as Tech rallied all the way back from a 21-0 deficit.

corps was led by McCray, who

caught four passes for 150 yards

'SWC Champs' still has nice ring

here seems to be a lull among Aggie football L fans.

I'm not sure if it's because they lost at Colorado or because the team was idle last week or even a combination of the both, but the excitement is definitely missing.

It seems like everyone I talk to lately feels disgust with the Aggie football players and especially coaches.

Well, get over it! So, we were outscored at Colorado. So we no longer have a shot at the national championship.

Does that give us the right to criticize the players and coaches — the same players and coaches that we were bragging about to anyone who would listen at the beginning of the season?

I'll admit that I too am disappointed that our hopes for a national championship are no longer. But I am still excited that we have a chance for the Southwest Conference Cham-

LISA NANCE SPORTSWRITER

pionship and post season play.
Don't forget that our own
Leeland McElroy is still a major contender for the Heisman Trophy. I know that there are skeptics out there who think

outscoring at Colorado, Leeland doesn't have a chance. But I believe he does. He's still one of, if not the best,

that after our unfortunate

running backs in the country. A SWC championship might not look as impressive as a national championship, but it's still a championship. Yes, it would be nice to have the title of national champs, but I am proud of the fact that we are one of the best teams in the nation, regardless if

we're first or the eighth. I realize that the blame must be put somewhere. And it seems that most of the tim it's put on quaterback Corey

I am beginning to believe that I am one of the few people who thinks that Pulligis the one who can lead us to an

other SWC championship. He's not a flashy player, by he can win. He's proven this

and his stats can back it up. He is on pace to break eve passing mark in the A&M record book, and he is tied with Nebraska's Tommie Fra zier as the winningest active quarterback in the nation.

Yet he remains to be one that most A&M fans love to

bad mouth. Now that the Colorado game is behind us, the Aggies are looking to bring another Southwest Conference championship to A&M, the last SWC championship before they join the Big 12.

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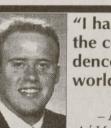
"He has a great disposi-tion," Slocum said. "He is con-fident that he will make every field goal. When he misses, he

does not dwell on it, he simply goes on."

The pressure that certain situations create, such as a game-winning field goal, are actually fun for Bryant.

The more on the line, the

"I perform better under pressure," Bryant said. "It is fun. My philosophy is to never be intimidated and never



"I have all the confidence in the world."

- Kyle Bryant A&M place kicker

back down.

Now that Bryant is healthy, Slocum has a challenge for him.

Slocum wants to have one player for both field goals and

He believes that Bryant is ready to take on this task, and it will only make him bet-

ter overall. "I want one guy for both jobs," Slocum said. "Now that he's over his injury, we want him to compete for the job. It keeps him in tune with the

"It gives him more respon-

sibility and he wants it.' Confidence is what it is all about for Bryant. With much faith in his ability, he feels that he will never have to worry about the misses, he will just celebrate his success-

"I've got all the confidence in the world," Bryant said. "I have one shot to make or miss it. I never think I will miss, but when there's nothing you can do, there is no reason to worry.

into action this weekend

Both teams will host tournaments this weekend.

By David Winder THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M men's and women's tennis teams will be in town this weekend hosting fall tournaments.

The men's 6-Way tournament will be at the Omar Smith Tennis Center, while the women's 4-Way tournament will be at the Pebble Creek Country Club. "This early in the seasons

it's not about matches, it's more about individuals," A&M Women's Tennis Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "We get a better evaluation of the players. That's why we started these tournaments."

The men's tournament will have one flight for singles and one flight for doubles while the women's tournament will have two flights for singles

and doubles Texas A&M senior Blake Ar-

more Carlos Tori is No.3 in s gles. Arrant and senior Erich ran are seeded No.1 in double

"Arrant has been real exc ing this year, he's been constent," Men's Tennis Coar David Kent said. "Carlos Ten a heck of a player. He's about as good a sophomore as you a

going to find.' On the women's side of thing for A&M junior Nancy Dingwal is seeded No. 1 and sophome transfer Vanessa Rooks is No. in the top flight. In the otl flight, junior Julie Beahmi ranked No.1 and senior Ann

Strakosova is ranked No. 3. "Nancy Dingwall has been playing great," Kleinecke said "We'll be able to see where Vanessa Rooks stands. We als want to see Monica Rebolled She's been hitting the ball well I'm real optimistic about ou team this year. I think we're go ing to have a lot of depth on the

year's team. Kent said he is excited about the upcoming weekend.

"It should be a fun time," Ken said. "We get to see where stand against the other teams



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